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Experience “Our Moments in Time” Exhibit at Activity Center

Gaithersburg, MD (December 21, 2018) The City of Gaithersburg presents “Our Moments in Time,” an art exhibit featuring works by four Montgomery County freelance sports photojournalists. Phil Fabrizio, George Smith, Jacqui South, and David Wolfe have teamed up to present their reflections on the stories behind their sporting news images. The exhibit runs January 18 through March 10, 2019, at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 South Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg. Viewing hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to meet the artists and learn more about their creative process during a free Artists Reception on Thursday, January 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Fabrizio, Smith, South, and Wolfe are sideline photographers who have documented all levels of sports, from the schoolyard to professional venues, in and about Montgomery County, for a variety of publications. These photojournalists have crossed county venue sidelines and dugouts side by side over the past ten years. This exhibit was born out of a desire for broader exposure of their work as the group faced a continuing decrease in distribution of local printed sports news coverage due in part to today’s online culture. To these photographers, a sports image, the temporary life span as it is in a news cycle, never provides enough true context for its ongoing existence. Thus, the reflected story behind the image.

The group continues to publish in regional newspapers, periodicals and online web services, including the *Montgomery Sentinel*, *The Town Courier*, *Montgomery Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today High School Sports*, *Montgomery Community Media*, *Bethesda Beat*, *The Monocacy Monocle*, *The Terrapin Times*, and Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association. Their work has also appeared in the *North Potomac Times* and *The Gazette* as well as countless sports candid images in county high school yearbooks.

Phil Fabrizio is an event, news and sports photographer in the Washington D.C. Metro area. He lives in North Potomac and has operated Sugarloaf Photography since 1985. He is a member of the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce and serves on the board of the Glen Echo Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc. Fabrizio began blogging and posting images on county sports in August 2011 for Montgomery Community Media (MCM). Prior to MCM, he covered sports for eight years for *The Town Courier* in Gaithersburg. Fabrizio is a resident artist at the City of Gaithersburg Arts Barn and teaches summer photography courses for middle school aged campers and adults. He is also an occasional stringer for *The Washington Post*. Read Phil’s reportage on PhotoLoaf, follow his SugarLoaf Photography Facebook page, and follow him on Twitter @Photoloaf. For more information visit www.photoloaf.com.

George Smith is an 11-year veteran professional photojournalist. Currently, he is a photo editor at the *Montgomery Sentinel* newspaper in Rockville, MD. Prior to the *Sentinel*, Smith was a freelance photojournalist for the former *Montgomery County Gazette*, a Post-Newsweek company, in Gaithersburg, MD. Smith is the official photographer for the Maryland Post-Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) and has been in that role for the last ten years. MPSSAA, commissioned by the Maryland State Board of Education, coordinates high school athletics for nearly 200 schools and covers 24 sports. His work can be found on *Playoff Magazine* covers, the MPSSAA website and as commissioned panoramas hanging in the organization's headquarters in Baltimore, MD. Smith's work has been used by ESPN and has appeared in a feature story in *Montgomery Magazine*.

Smith has won ten Maryland, Delaware, DC (MDDC) Press Association awards for his sports, features, and spot news photography including, most recently, a Best of Show for Best Sports Photo across all circulation divisions, all while working at the *Sentinel*. Through his *Sentinel* association with MDDC, Smith has also served as an Editorial Judge for the New York Press Association. He has been photographing since college when he took courses in photography and started out using film and developing prints in the darkroom. During his college years, Smith won first prize in Photography at the Al Young Art Exhibit and Competition. His work also graced both covers of the literary magazine, *The Catch*.

Jacqui South is a sports and portrait photographer who has lived and worked in Montgomery County her entire life. She worked for nine years for *The Montgomery Sentinel* newspaper covering local politics, education, and to her great satisfaction, high school sports. As a staff photographer and photo editor with the *Sentinel* she won multiple 1st and 2nd place "Photo-of-the-Year" awards in Sports and Feature categories from MDDC Press Association. Currently, South continues to cover high school sports as a freelancer and in conjunction with her poster projects.

In addition to photography, South works for Montgomery County Public Schools at Shady Grove Middle School as a paraeducator where she helps students build foundations in science, reading and math to prepare them for high school. She also volunteers as the Newspaper and Yearbook Club sponsors, arming the next generation with cameras and encouraging them to photograph the world around them. South graduated from Springbrook High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Photojournalism from the University of Maryland. Learn more @jacqui_south, facebook.com/JacquiSouthPhotography and www.jacquisouthphotography.com.

David Wolfe, a transplant from the Midwest, has lived in northern Montgomery County for the past 32 years. In 2006, his love for photography led to photographing athletic and theater events for Seneca Valley High School. Being a regular figure at events for one school led to opportunities and networking with other photographers. Shooting for Seneca Valley led to an opportunity at the *Montgomery Sentinel*, where he has won multiple awards for sports photography. Currently, he continues to take sports photos and writes his Corner Kick column for the *Sentinel*. Wolfe is a graduate from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN with a Bachelor of Science in Institutional Management. In addition to photography, Wolfe designs physical infrastructure for multimedia data networks and the control systems that operate them. His photography and multimedia network work complement one another very well, allowing him to meld what he loves with what he does for a living. Learn more @The_Red_D and www.dwolfphoto.com.

Please note that all images are copyrighted by the artists and most of the artwork is for sale. For more information please contact Shellie Williams at 301-258-6394, shellie.williams@gaithersburgmd.gov, or Andi Rosati at 301-258-6350, andi.rosati@gaithersburgmd.gov.

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